WE CLAIM:

- 1. A method for decreasing intraocular pressure comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of 8-isoPGE₂ to a patient in need of such treatment.
 - 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the 8-isoPGE₂ is administered topically.
- 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the 8-isoPGE $_2$ is administered as a composition comprising between .005 to 1 percent 8-isoPGE $_2$.
- 4. A method for decreasing intraocular pressure comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a derivative of 8-isoPGE₂ to a patient in need of such treatment.
 - 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the derivative is an ester of 8-isoPGE₂.
- 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the derivative of 8-isoPGE₂ is administered topically.
- 7. A method for decreasing intraocular pressure comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of8-isoPGE₁ or a derivative thereof to a patient in need of such treatment.
 - 8. The method of claim 7wherein the 8-isoPGE $_1$ is administered topically.
- 9. The method of claim 8wherein the 8-isoPGE_{\elli} is administered as a composition comprising between .005 to 1 percent 8-isoPGE_{\elli}.